

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image recognition method comprises the steps of: a) examining as to how much input image parts resemble a predetermined figure comprising a plurality of elements, and giving a first score on each image part as to how much it resembles to the element of the predetermined figure, and giving a second score on the image parts as to much a positional relationship therebetween resembles that of the elements of the predetermined figure; and b) determining as to whether or not the input image parts coincide the predetermined figure by using the first and second scores together.